Since inception of the above scheme in December, 2002, grants have been provided to 163 cases upto 31.12.2006 for Rain Water Harvesting and these are likely to yield about 3 lacks cubic meter of rain water annual for recharging ground water.

**Establishment of Regional Office of Central Water Commission**

†1621. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States wherein regional office of Central Water Commission has not yet been establishment;

(b) the reasons for non-establishment of regional office of Central Water Commission in these States;

(c) the States out of these which have requested to establish the regional office; and

(d) by when regional office of Central Water Commssion would be established in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The regional office of Central Water Commissions has not been established in the following seventeen States so far:—Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttarakhand.

(b) Central Water Commission does not have any State specific regional office. The regional offices of Central Water Commission basically encompass the major river basins and are not confined to the State boundaries. At present Central Water Commission has thirteen regional offices.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Chhattisgarh had requeasted to establish a regional office of Central Water Commission at Raipur. The request was considered. However, in the present set up, it was not found

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feasible to open a regional office of the Central Water Commission at Raipur.

**Setting up of flood Management Authority**

†1622. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI PRARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Flood Management Authority;

(b) the estimated loss being caused to life and property due to flood every year;

(c) the progress of river interlinking work and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to constitute the Flood Management Authority quickly in view of the huge loss caused due to flood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No proposal for setting up of "Flood Management Authority" is under consideration of Ministry of Water Resources. However, the working Group on Water Resources for XI Five Year Plan has recommended setting up of a National Flood Management Commission for co-coordinating and overseeing the activities relating to flood management in the country.

(b) Based upon the flood damages details received from States for a period from 1953 to 2005, average annual loss of lives and properties due to floods is placed at Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) set up by Government of India in 1982 to study the feasibility of inter-basin water transfer has identified 30links under the National Perspective Plan, out of which 16 links pertain to Peninsular component and 14 links pertain to

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